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September 30, 1986

Re: Preliminary Environmental Review

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the Administrative Rules of Montana, 16.2.604, the following Preliminary Environmental Review has been prepared by the Department of Health and Environmental Sciences concerning Joe Carey /dba/ Carey Wrecking in Ekalaka, MT.

The purpose of the Preliminary Environmental Review is to inform all interested governmental agencies, public groups or individuals of the proposed action and to determine whether or not the action may have a significant effect on the human environment. This Preliminary Environmental Review will be circulated for a period of fifteen (15) days at which time a decision will be made as to our future action.

If you care to comment on this proposed action, please do so within the allotted time.

Sincerely,

Scott M. Peterson

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PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Division/Bureau Environmental Sciences Division/Solid & Hazardous Waste Bureau

Project or Application Joe Carey /dba/ Carey Wrecking

Description of Project Establishing and Licensing a new Motor Vehicle Wrecking Facility in Ekalaka, MT. Located at 1000 Mormon St., Ekalaka, MT. or in the W 1/2 SE 1/4 Sec. 32 T 2N, R 58E, Carter County, MT. See also enclosed map and sketch.

POTENTIAL IMPACT ON PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

	Major	Moderate	Minor	None	Unknown	Comments on Attached Pages
1. Terrestrial & aquatic life and habitats				X		
2. Water quality, quantity and distribution				X		
3. Geology & soil quality, stability and moisture				X		
4. Vegetation cover, quantity and quality				X		
5. Aesthetics			X			X
6. Air quality				X		
7. Unique, endangered, fragile, or limited environmental resources				X		
8. Demands on environmental resources of land, water, air & energy				X		
9. Historical and archaeological sites					X	

POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

	Major	Moderate	Minor	None	Unknown	Comments on Attached Pages
1. Social structures and mores				X		
2. Cultural uniqueness and diversity				X		
3. Local and state tax base & tax revenue			X			X
4. Agricultural or industrial production				X		
5. Human health				X		
6. Quantity and distribution of community and personal income			X			X
7. Access to and quality of recreational and wilderness activities				X		
8. Quantity and distribution of employment			X			X
9. Distribution and density of population and housing				X		
10. Demands for government services			X			X
11. Industrial & commercial activity				X		
12. Demands for energy				X		
13. Locally adopted environmental plans & goals				X		
14. Transportation networks & traffic flows			X			X

Other groups or agencies contacted or which may have overlapping jurisdiction_____

Individuals or groups contributing to this PER. Joe Carey, Property Owner; Richard Menger, R.S., Carter County Sanitarian

Recommendation concerning preparation of EIS Not Necessary

PER Prepared by: Scott M. Peterson

Scott M. Peterson

Date:_____

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GENERAL COMMENTS

Application has been made to the Solid & Hazardous Waste Bureau, Department of Health and Environmental Sciences for a license to establish, operate and maintain a private motor vehicle wrecking facility on property owned by the applicant. The proposed site is located near the applicant's residence at 1000 Mormon St., Ekalaka, MT. Legal description is the W1/2 SE1/4 Section 32, Township 2 North, Range 58 East, Carter County, Montana. The facility will be located within the city limits of Ekalaka. The applicant owns and will reside on the property, a portion of which is under consideration for use as a motor vehicle wrecking facility.

Motor Vehicle Wrecking Facilities must be licensed annually for operation. State law requires that, as a condition for licensing, wrecking facilities must be screened from public view such that junked vehicles stored at the site are not visible from a point six feet above the centerline of any public road. Also, sites must be in compliance with local land use zoning ordinances and regulations.

According to a signed certification on the license application, neither Carter County nor the town of Ekalaka have zoning regulations which would prohibit a wrecking facility at this location. The applicant proposes to build an eight (8) foot wooden fence which would adequately shield the facility from public roads such as Mormon Street. The facility is approximately one mile away from Highway 323 and if junk vehicles are allowed to accumulate in large numbers, it may be necessary to screen the back of the applicants proposed facility. The site is capable of being screened. No license may be issued until the screening is in place.

POTENTIAL IMPACT ON PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

5. Aesthetics

The Motor Vehicle Recycling and Disposal law and rule require all junk vehicles and motor vehicle wrecking facilities be screened from public view. Public view is defined as that point six feet above the center line of any public road. Wrecking facilities must be screened such that junk vehicles held in storage are out of public view.

This proposed facility currently is in public view of Mormon Street which runs north and south along the west property boundry of the applicant. The applicant proposes to build two sections of fence each approximately 40 feet long on either side of an existing shop building located to the south and east of his residence. The sections will be eight feet high and consist of wood planks (at least 7 1/2 inches wide) with gaps between boards being no greater than 1 1/2 inches as per state regulations. This screening will adequately shield junk vehicles from all points of public view on Mormon Street. The facility can be seen at a distance of one mile from Highway 323. Because of this long distance screening at this time should be unnecessary. If enough vehicles are stored at this site so they become readily visible from Highway 323, then similar shielding on the north and east sides of the proposed facility will be necessary.

POTENTIAL IMPACT ON HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

3. Local and state tax base and tax revenue.

6. Quantity and distribution of community and personal income.

8. Quantity and distribution of employment.

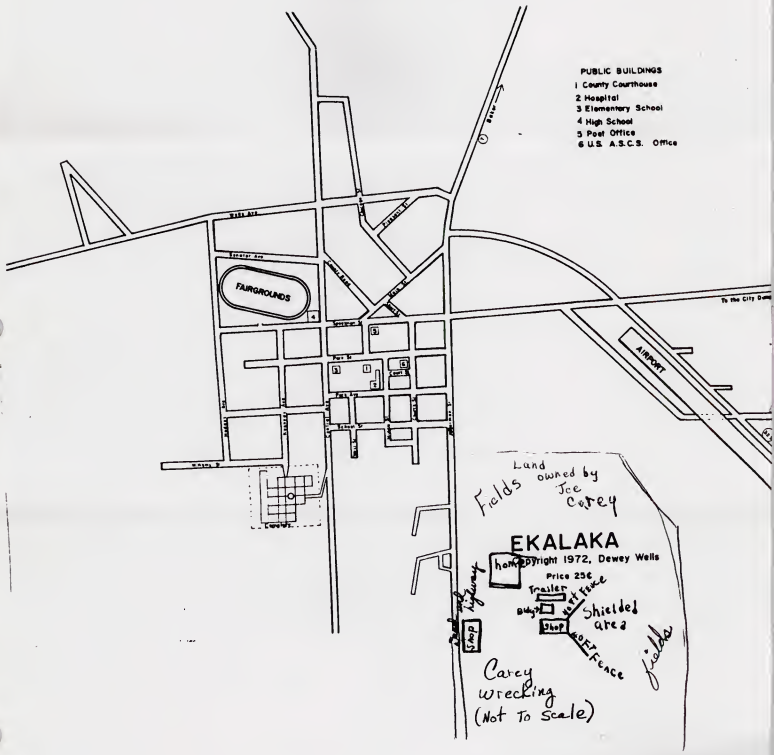
Establishing and licensing this proposed facility should have minor positive impact on all of the above criteria. Additional income and employment opportunities should at least result for the applicant/owner and any additional employees necessary for the operation.

10. Demands for Government Services

Periodic routine inspections by state and local junk vehicle program officials will be necessary to asure that the facility is being maintained and operated in compliance with the Motor Vehicle Recycling and Disposal law and rule. A minor amount of administrative effort will be required in establishing files and in correspondence with the business. Demands for other government services are not expected to be significant.

14. Transportation Networks and Traffic Flows

The present transportation network is in place to serve the proposed facility. Mormon Street is a paved city street which turns to dirt at the south edge of the applicants property. Due to the nature of wrecking facilities, increased traffic from potential customers will be realized on this street. Currently, another motor vehicle wrecking facility exists approximately 1/2 mile to the north on Mormon Street and a propane dealership approximately 1/4 mile to the south of this site. Because the street is paved, increased traffic should not significantly increase the maintenance of Mormon Street.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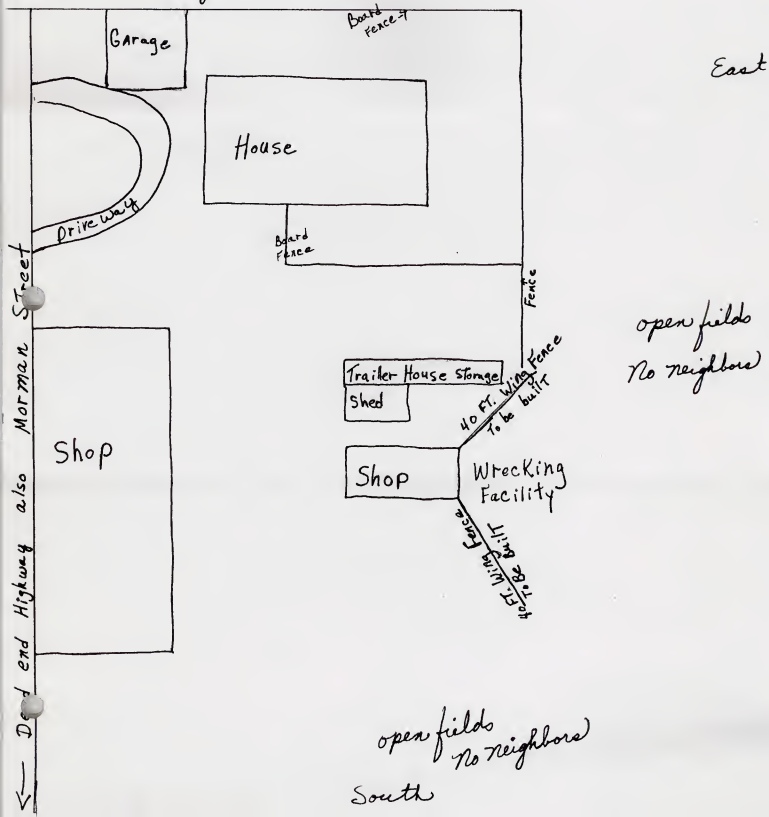
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